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Letter dated 13 September 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to attach herewith the statement issued by the spokesperson of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan on 12 September 2018 on the consultation held in Khartoum in August 2018 among the parties to the conflict in the sisterly Central African Republic (see annex).

Having brought this matter to your attention, I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Omer Dahab Fadl **Mohamed**
Permanent Representative

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Statement concerning the Khartoum meeting among armed groups in the Central African Republic

In view of the good relations that have always existed between the two kindred countries and peoples, the Sudan hopes to bring peace and reconciliation in the Central African Republic. Accordingly, a preliminary exploratory meeting took place in Khartoum from 27 to 29 August 2018 with the participation of the Seleka and Anti-balaka armed groups in Central Africa. The meeting was held under the auspices of the President of the Republic, Omer Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir. The memorandum of understanding concluded at the end of the meeting contained an agreement to establish a joint framework for peace known as the Central African Forum. Its aims were to counter violence and extremism, end the hostilities, allow freedom of movement for civilians and trade with neighbouring States, and secure a commitment to the African Union initiative for peace and reconciliation in Central Africa.

The Sudan will continue its intensive efforts to bring peace to the Central African Republic. It emphasizes that the meeting was held in the context of the African initiative for peace and security in the Central African Republic. It reiterates its commitment to that initiative, which has been agreed upon as a framework to bring an end to the crisis.

During his visit to Beijing, President Al-Bashir met with the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame; the current President of the African Union; the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat; and the African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security, Smail Chergui. He briefed them on the steps taken by the Sudan and emphasized that such steps were intended to strengthen the African Union initiative, of which they were an integral part. President Paul Kagame and the African officials welcomed the action taken by the Sudan and recognized President Al-Bashir's role in supporting the African initiative.

(*Signed*) Qarib Allah **al-Khidr**
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